IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: W.R. GRACE & CO., et al.

Debtors.

BRADLEY M. CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, in his official capacity, PETER C. HARVEY, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY, in his official capacity,

Appellants,

v.

W.R. GRACE & CO., et al.

Appellees.

: Case Number 08-0250 (RLB) Hon. Ronald L. Buckwalter

- : United States District Judge (by special designation)
- : On Appeal From The United States Bankruptcy
- : Court For The District Of Delaware (Fitzgerald, J.)
- : Bankruptcy Case No. 01-1139

APPELLANTS' RESPONSE TO APPELLEE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUR REPLY BRIEF

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INTRODUCTION

The Appellants, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") and the Attorney General of New Jersey, do not oppose Appellees' Motion for Leave to File a Sur-Reply in the within matter. However, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court consider the following in response to the arguments raised by the Appellees in its Sur-Reply brief.

ARGUMENT

POINT I

The Bankruptcy Court Incorrectly Held that the Penalty Action is Not Exempt From the Automatic Stay.

In its Sur-Reply, Appellees (hereinafter "Grace") asserts that <u>United States v. LTV Steel Co.</u>, 269 B.R. 576 (W.D. Pa. 2001), which held that an action to fix a civil penalty for violations of the federal Clean Air Act was not subject to the automatic stay, is inapposite and in conflict with Third Circuit precedent, namely, <u>Brock v. Morysville Body Works, Inc.</u>, 829 F.2d 383 (3rd Cir. 1987). It is not. Both cases are in sync on the application of the automatic stay to penalty actions. More particularly, both cases recognize that an action to collect a penalty is subject to the automatic stay, but an action to fix one is not. Thus, the two cases do not differ on the law, they differ on the facts.

In Brock, a Chapter 11 debtor, Moryville Body Works, received a post-petition citation from the United States Department of Labor for certain violations of the Occupational Safety and The citation ordered Morysville to abate the violations and assessed a civil penalty of \$21,000. failed to contest the citation, and it became a final order. that time, the \$21,000 penalty was reduced to a judgment. The government then attempted to enforce the penalty as part of a summary action to enforce the order. The government ran afoul of the automatic stay in Brock only because it tried to enforce the abatement portion of the order and the penalty portion of the The Third Circuit ruled that the government only could enforce the abatement portion of the order and not the penalty because the action to collect a penalty was subject to the automatic stay.

The factual setting of this matter is different from that of <u>Brock</u>. Here, no penalty has yet been fixed. That is the object of the State court penalty action ("Penalty Action"). What NJDEP is trying to do here is simply fix the penalty, nothing more and nothing less, which NJDEP is allowed to do under the police powers exception to the automatic stay. In short, contrary to the assertions of Grace, <u>LTV</u> is not in conflict with <u>Brock</u>. It is consistent with <u>Brock</u> and thus directly pertinent to this matter.

Grace's assertion that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in LTV is somehow more deserving of relief than the NJDEP because the EPA sought "penalties for actual Sur-Reply brief at 2. environmental harm" is wrong. Bankruptcy court was also wrong when it said that Grace's misrepresentations had no "nexus to the protection of public health and safety and welfare." Opinion at 5, n.4. Businesses that walk away from a contaminated site after lying to the government about the environmental conditions of a site put subsequent occupiers of and visitors to the site at risk. That risk was particularly acute here when one considers the dangerous properties of the tremolite asbestos waste that Grace left behind at the Hamilton plant. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine a more obvious nexus to the public health, safety and welfare than the one present in this People worked at and traversed the asbestos-laden site for at least five years before the EPA commenced cleanup activities.

In sum, it is altogether appropriate to allow NJDEP to fix a penalty here. The deterrent value of a penalty is the only way NJDEP can protect the public in these situations, which is why the penalty provisions exist in the first place, and why NJDEP should be allowed to fix the penalty under the police powers exception to the automatic stay. Given that one of the principal reasons Grace is in bankruptcy is because of injuries and deaths due to asbestos exposure, it is hard to believe Grace now argues that lying about leaving asbestos on site is not health related.

POINT II

The Bankruptcy Court Incorrectly Enjoined the Department of Environmental Protection from Pursuing the Penalty Action Against Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill.

Grace argues in its Sur-Reply that the Bankruptcy Court properly enjoined NJDEP from pursuing Messrs. Bettachi and Burrill in the Penalty Action. Grace is wrong.

As its first point, Grace argues that the NJDEP should not be allowed to raise the issue of the Bettachi/Burrill injunction at this phase of the litigation because the issue was not raised in NJDEP's initial brief. Grace is incorrect. Whether or not the Bankruptcy Court's injunction was proper as to Messrs. Bettachi and Burrill is an issue of subject-matter jurisdiction. "It is well-settled law that subject matter jurisdiction can be challenged at any point before final judgment, even if challenged for the first time on appeal." In Re: Kaiser Group International, Inc., 399 F.3d 558, 565 (3rd Cir. 2005). Indeed, an appellate court reviews de novo whether a lower court had subject matter jurisdiction over non-derivative third-party claims against non-In Re: Combustion Engineering, 391 F.3d 190, 224, n.34 Thus, the issue of the bankruptcy court's (3rd Cir. 2004.) jurisdiction over the Penalty Action filed against Messrs. Burrill and Bettachi is properly before the Court.

When the issue of subject-matter jurisdiction is viewed through the lens of this case, it is clear that the Bankruptcy

Court did not have jurisdiction over the Penalty Action filed against Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill. Under Title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, a Bankruptcy Court's jurisdiction extends over four types of cases: 1) cases under Title 11; 2) proceedings arising under Title 11; 3) proceedings arising in a case under Title 11; and 4) proceedings related to a case under Title 11.

Id. at 225. The last category of cases is at issue here. The question is whether the Penalty Action between NJDEP and Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill is "related to" the Grace bankruptcy. Third-party suits such as the one against Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill are "related to" a bankruptcy case when they "conceivably may have an effect on the bankruptcy estate." Ibid. Thus, the question is whether is the Penalty Action conceivably may have an effect on the Grace bankruptcy. It would not.

The seminal test for whether a proceeding "conceivably may have an effect on the bankruptcy estate" was established by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in <u>Pacor</u>, <u>Inc</u>. v. <u>Higgins</u>, 743 F.2d 984 (3rd Cir. 1984). There, the Third Circuit determined:

An action is related to bankruptcy if the outcome could alter the debtor's rights, liabilities, options, or freedom of action (either positively or negatively) and which in any way impact upon the handling and administration of the bankrupt estate. [Id. at 994.]

The <u>Pacor</u> test was further refined by the Third Circuit in <u>In Re:</u>
<u>Federal-Mogul Global, Inc.</u>, 300 F.3d 368 (3rd Cir. 2002):

The test articulated in <u>Pacor</u> for whether a lawsuit could "conceivably have an effect on the bankruptcy proceeding inquires whether the allegedly related lawsuit would affect the bankruptcy without the intervention of another lawsuit." [Id. at 882.]

In this matter, the Penalty Action against Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill would not affect the bankruptcy without the intervention of another lawsuit.

Pursuant to section 6.7(B) of the Amended and Restated By-Laws of W.R. Grace, dated March 15, 1999 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), an indemnification claimant must submit a written all and indemnification to Grace for documentation and information that would allow Grace to "determine is entitled to extent the claimant to what whether and indemnification." Under its By-Laws, Grace may deny a claim for indemnification if it determines that "the claimant has not met the standard of conduct which makes it permissible under the [General Corporation Law of Delaware! for the Corporation to Indemnify the claimant." Amended and Restated By-Laws of W.R. Grace, §6.7(C). In the event that Grace determines that the claimant is not entitled to be indemnified, the claimant is obligated to repay any amounts advanced to the claimant. Amended and Restated By-Laws of W.R. Grace, §6.7(A). If a claim for indemnification is not paid in full by Grace, a claimant has the right to sue Grace to recover any unpaid portion of the claim. Amended and Restated By-Laws of W.R. Grace, §6.7(C). Thus, under Grace's By-Laws, indemnification requires a determination by Grace that the claimant met the standard of conduct required of the claimant under law. Dissatisfied claimants may file suit against Grace to recover on the claims.

Under the indemnification provisions of Grace's By-Laws, Grace would not be bound automatically by any judgment rendered against Messrs. Bettachi and Burrill in the Penalty Action. Only in circumstances involving automatic indemnification could a Penalty Action against a non-debtor be said to be "related to" a bankruptcy. See Pacor, supra, 743 F.2d at 995. Like the action filed against the non-debtor Pacor, Inc. in Pacor, the Penalty Action at best would be "a mere precursor to the potential third party claim for indemnification," as neither Mr. Bettachi's nor Mr. Burrill's claim for indemnification has accrued. Ibid. Their claims are merely prospective, and another lawsuit may well be required for the recovery of any claims against Grace. As such, the Penalty Action against Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill would not affect the Grace bankruptcy, and, therefore, would not be "related to" the Grace bankruptcy. Thus, it should not have been enjoined.1

¹In its Sur-Reply, Grace cites to the unpublished decision of the Third Circuit in <u>In Re: Grace Co.</u>, 115 Fed. Appx. 565 (3rd Cir. 2004) as holding that the prospect of indemnification by Grace made it appropriate to stay suits against the Maryland Casualty Corporation, a Grace insurer. While the Court's decision contains a statement to that effect, the Court did not so hold. The issue in the case was not whether the suits against Maryland Casualty Corporation were "related to" the bankruptcy and thus whether the stay was proper, but whether the District Court erred in overturning the Bankruptcy Court's refusal to

It remains to be noted that, contrary to the representations of Grace in its Sur-Reply, NJDEP did not represent to the Bankruptcy Court that it would not proceed against Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill, though the Court's opinion indicates that it believed that was the case. Rather, the actual exchange between counsel for NJDEP and the Court indicates that counsel was trying to explain that NJDEP would pursue Grace in the Penalty Action and that NJDEP had the discretion to pursue both the individuals and Grace. The actual exchange is as follows:

THE COURT: But you're telling me you want to pursue this against the officers, not the Debtor. But the claim is against the estate.

MR. DEVINE: No, Your Honor. I'm sorry if I misstated. We intend to go against Grace in the state court action.

THE COURT: Okay. So not against the officers. Against the officers and against Grace.

MR. DEVINE: Yes, Your Honor. That's where it would stand.

THE COURT: Okay, So, I apologize. I, I got sidetracked for a minute because of that recitation. So you have the discretion and look to the circumstances.

modify the stay. The Court merely held that the Bankruptcy Court did not err in refusing to modify the injunction. The Court did not rule on the Bankruptcy Court's initial decision to preliminarily enjoin the suits. Thus, at best, the Court's statement about the appropriateness of the stay is dicta. It does not impact the rulings of <u>Pacor</u> and <u>Federal Mogul</u>. <u>Pacor</u> and <u>Federal Mogul</u>, not <u>In Re: Grace</u>, control the Bankruptcy Court's decision to enjoin the Penalty Action against Messrs. Bettachi and Burrill.

MR. DEVINE: That's right.

Transcript of April 2, 2007 Hearing, at 81.

while the Court apparently construed the above exchange as meaning that NJDEP would not pursue Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill, that was not the intent of counsel. Counsel merely intended to clarify to the Court that Grace, as well as the individuals, would be pursued, as the Court was unclear on that issue. Indeed, at one point in the colloquy, the Court appears to have understood that because the Court stated to counsel that the Penalty Action would be pursued "Against the officers and against Grace." To which counsel replied, "Yes, Your Honor. That's where it would stand."

It appears then that some mis-communication occurred during the hearing and that the Court misunderstood some of counsel's responses. Notwithstanding that, NJDEP did not mean to represent to the Bankruptcy Court that it did not intend to pursue Mr. Bettachi and Mr. Burrill. The State has always intended to pursue both the individuals and Grace in the Penalty Action if that action moves forward.

In sum, the Penalty Action filed against Messrs. Bettachi and Burrill is not "related to" the Grace bankruptcy, and the Bankruptcy Court did not have subject-matter jurisdiction over the action. The Bankruptcy Court's order enjoining the Penalty Action against Grace, therefore, should be vacated.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein and in the Appellants' Supporting and Reply briefs, the Bankruptcy Court's order should be vacated.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBITA

Adopted on March 15, 1999

AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS

W.R. Grāce & Co.

lacorparated under the Laws of the State of Delaware

· ARTICLE I OFFICES AND RECORDS

Section 1.1. Delaware Office. The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware shall be located in Wilmington, Delaware, and the frame and address of its registered agent is The Prentice Hall Corporation System, Inc., 1913 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware.

Section 1.2. Other Offices. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Delaware, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may from time to time require.

Section 1.3. Books and Records. The books and records of the Corporation may be kept outside the State of Delaware at such place or places as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II STOCKHOLDERS

Section 2.1. Annual Mealing. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation shall be held annually (a) on the leath day of May, or (b) if such day be a Salanday, Sunday or a holiday at the place-where the meeting is to be held, on the last business day preceding or on the first business day after such tenth day of May, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, or (c) on such other date as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.2. Special Meeting. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock of the Corporation as to dividends or upon liquidation (*Preferred Stock) with respect to such series of Preferred Stock, special meetings of the stockholders may be called only by the Chalman, by the President or by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of directors which the Corporation would have if there were no vacancies (the "Whole Board").

stockholder. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any annual or special meeting of the stockholders or the Board of Directors or committee thereof need be specified in any waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 6.5. Audits. The accounts, backs and accounts of the Composition shall be audited upon the conclusion of each fiscal year by an independent carblied public accountiant selected by the Board of Directors, and it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cause such audit to be done annually.

Scotlen B.G. Resignations. Any director or any object or assistant officer, whether elected or appetited, may resignate any time by giving written noting of such resignation to the Chairman, the President, or the Secretary, and such resignation strall be deemed to be effective, as of the close of business on the data said notice is received by the Chairman, the President, or the Secretary, or at such later time as is specified therein. No formal action shell be required of the Board of Directors or the steckholders to make any such resignation affective.

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181 To obtain indemnification under this Section 6.7, a claimant shall submit to the Comeration a written regionst including therein or therewith such documentation and information as is reasonably available to the claimant and is reasonably necessary to delenatine whether and to what extent the claimant is entitled to intermitication. Upon written request by a clabrand for indemnification pursuant to the first sentence of this personaph (B), it determination it required by applicable law, with respect to the claimant's entitlement thereto shall be made as follows: (1) it requested by the claimant independent Counsel fas hereinather defined), or (2) it no request is made by the claimant. for a determination by independent Coursel. (I) by the Equid of Directors by a resignity vote of a quoism consisting of Disintenested Directors (as hereinated diffraction (ii) if a quoism. of the Board of Directors constituing of Distributes and Directors is not obtainable or, even if entainable, such quonun of Disinterested Directors so directs, by Independent Coursel in a written apinion to the Board of Directors, a copy of which shall be delivered to the cishmand, or [19] it a quorum of Dishdecorted Directors on directs, by the stockholders of the Corporation. In the event the determination of entitlement to internalization is to be made by independent Counsel at the requestrof the changes, the independent Counsel shall be selected by the Board of Directors unless there shak have occurred within two years prior to the date of the considerement of the oction, suit of proceeding for which bidemplification is claimed a Change of Control (as defined below) in which case fire hidependent Counsel shall be selected by the delinent inters the delinant shall request that such splection by made by the Board of Directors. If it is so determined that the Cramant is edition to indepution payment to the cistorial shall be made within 10 days edge such determination.

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- (b) If a determination chaff have been made pursuant to paragraph (B) of this Section 6.7 that the claimant is orbited to indemnification, the Corporation shall be bound by each determination in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to paragraph (C) of this Section 6.7.
- (E) The Corporation shall be precluded from asserting in any lodicial proceeding commenced persuant to paragraph (C) of this Section 6.7 that the procedures and presumptions of this Section 6.7 are not valid, binding and enforceable and shall stiputate in such proceeding that the Corporation is bound by all the provisions of this Section 6.7.
- (F) The right to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in detending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition contened in this Section 6.7 shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any stabile, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-laws, agreement, vote of stability, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-laws, agreement, vote of stability provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-laws, agreement, vote of stability and the Certificate of Incorporation of the repeat of modification of the rights of any discrete or matter strains not to any customers or matter strains not to any customers or modification.
- (G) The Composition may maintain incurance, at its expense, to protect liself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corposition or another corporation, partnerably, foint venture, frust of other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether of not the Corposition would have the power to informally such person against such expense, liability or loss under the power to informally such person maintains any posicy or policies providing such insulance, each such director or officer, and each such agent or employee to which rights to informatication have been granted as provided in paragraph (II) of this Section 6.7, shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their losins to the maximum extent of the coverage thereunder for any such director, officer, employee or agent.

- (fi) The Commission may, to the extent sufficiency from line to sine by the Board of Directors, grant rights to indemnification, and rights to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incringly in defending any proceeding in advance of its finit disposition, to any employes or agent of the Corporation to be follest extent of the provisions of this Section 6.7 with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors and officers of the Corporation.
- (I) If any provision or provisions of this Section 6.7 shall be first to be invalid, illegal or invalid to the may reason whatsoever. (1) the validity, legally and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Section 6.7 (including, without limitation, each portion of any paragraph of this By-law containing only sixth provision hold to be haveled, litigat or menforceabile, that is not itself held to be availed, illegal or menforceable) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, and (2) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Section 6.7 (including, without limitation, each such portion of any paragraph of this by-law containing any such provision held to be livelid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the loaded manifested by the provision held invalid, illegal or unenforceable.
 - (I) For purposes of this Scitton U.Y:
 - (1) 'Disintensied Director' means a director of the Corporation who is not and was not a party to the matter in respect of which indemnification is sought by the date of the contract.
 - (2) 'Independent Coursel' means a law line, a member of a law line, or an independent practitioner, that is experienced in matters of cooperation law and shall include any person who, under the upplicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would not have a condict of interest in representing either the Corporation or the claimant in an action to determine the claimant's rights under this Section 6.7.
 - (3) "Change of Control has the meaning given such term in the Corporation's 1996 Stock incentive Plan, as the same may be amended or superseded from time to time."
- (IQ Any notice, request or other communication required or permitted to be given to the Corporation under this Section 6.7 shall be in writing and either delivered in person or cent by telecopy, telex, telegram, overnight mail or counter service, or certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the Secretary of the Corporation and shall be effective only upon receipt by the Secretary.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

Katherine B. Ebeling, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says:

- I am a Legal Secretary in the Division of Law, Department of Law and Public Safety, State of New Jersey.
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